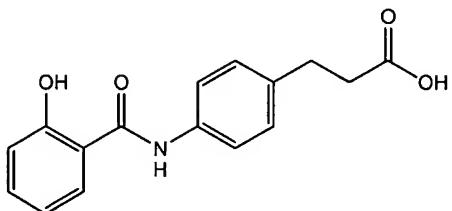


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims so that they read as follows:

Claims 1-29 (Canceled).

30. (New) The compound



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31. (New) The salt of the compound of claim 30.

32. (New) A composition comprising

- a. an active agent; and
- b. the compound of claim 30.

33. (New) A composition as defined in claim 32, wherein said active agent is selected from the group consisting of a pharmacologic agent and a therapeutic active agent.

34. (New) A composition as defined in claim 32, wherein said active agent is selected from the group consisting of a biologically active agent and a chemically active agent.

35. (New) A composition as defined in claim 34, wherein said biologically active agent is selected from the group consisting of a peptide, a polysaccharide, a mucopolysaccharide, a carbohydrate, a lipid, a pesticide, and any combination thereof.

36. (New) A composition as defined in claim 35, wherein said active agent comprises a peptide.

37. (New) A composition as defined in claim 35, wherein said active agent comprises a polysaccharide.

38. (New) A composition as defined in claim 35, wherein said active agent comprises a mixture of mucopolysaccharides.

39. (New) A composition as defined in claim 34, wherein said biologically active agent is a hormone.

40. (New) A composition as defined in claim 34, wherein said mixture of mucopolysaccharides comprises heparin.

41. (New) A composition as defined in claim 34, wherein said biologically active agent is selected from the group consisting of human growth hormones; bovine growth hormones; growth releasing hormones; growth hormone-releasing hormones, interferons; interleukin-I, interleukin-II, insulin; heparin, calcitonin; erythropoietin; atrial natriuretic factor; antigens; monoclonal antibodies, somatostatin; adrenocorticotropin, gonadotropin releasing hormone; oxytocin; vasopressin; cromolyn sodium; vancomycin; desferrioxamine (DFO); parathyroid hormone, anti-microbials, or any combination thereof.

42. (New) The composition of claim 41, wherein said biologically active agent comprises insulin.

43. (New) A composition as defined in claim 42, wherein said heparin comprises low molecular weight heparin.

44. (New) The composition of claim 41, wherein said biologically active agent comprises calcitonin.

45. (New) A composition as defined in claim 41, wherein said biologically active agent comprises human growth hormone.

46. (New) The composition of claim 41, wherein said biologically active agent comprises parathyroid hormone.

47. (New) A dosage unit form comprising a composition as defined in claim 32; and

- a. an excipient,
- b. a diluent,
- c. a disintegrant,
- d. a lubricant,
- e. a plasticizer,
- f. a colorant,
- g. a dosing vehicle, or
- h. any combination thereof.

48. (New) A dosage unit form according to claim 47, comprising a tablet, a capsule, or a liquid.

49. (New) A dosage unit form according to claim 48, consisting of a tablet.

50. (New) A dosage unit form according to claim 48, consisting of a capsule.

51. (New) The dosage unit form of claim 47, wherein said active agent is selected from the group consisting of a biologically active agent and a chemically active agent.

52. (New) The dosage unit form of claim 51, wherein said biologically active agent is selected from the group consisting of a peptide, a polysaccharide, a mucopolysaccharide, a carbohydrate, a lipid, a pesticide, and any combination thereof.

53. (New) The dosage unit form of claim 52, wherein said active agent comprises a polysaccharide.

54. (New) The dosage unit form of claim 52, wherein said active agent comprises a peptide.

55. (New) The dosage unit form of claim 52, wherein said active agent comprises a mixture of mucopolysaccharides.

56. (New) The dosage unit form of claim 55, wherein said mixture of mucopolysaccharides comprises heparin.

57. (New) The dosage unit form of claim 51, wherein said biologically active agent is selected from the group consisting of human growth hormones; bovine growth hormones; growth releasing hormones; growth hormone-releasing hormones; interferons; interleukin-I, interleukin-II; insulin; heparin, calcitonin; erythropoietin; atrial natriuretic factor; antigens; monoclonal antibodies; somatostatin; adrenocorticotropin, gonadotropin releasing hormone; oxytocin; vasopressin; cromolyn sodium; vancomycin; desferrioxamine (DFO); parathyroid hormone, anti-microbials, or any combination thereof.

58. (New) The dosage unit form of claim 57, wherein said heparin comprises low molecular weight heparin.

59. (New) The dosage unit form of claim 57, wherein said biologically active agent comprises insulin.

60. (New) The dosage unit form of claim 57, wherein said biologically active agent comprises parathyroid hormones.

61. (New) The dosage unit form of claim 57, wherein said biologically active agent comprises calcitonin.

62. (New) The dosage unit form of claim 57, wherein said biologically active agent comprises human growth hormone.

63. (New) A method for preparing a composition, said method comprising mixing:

- a. at least one biologically active agent;
- b. at least one compound as defined in claim 30; and
- c. optionally a dosing vehicle.

64. (New) A method as defined in claim 63, wherein said biologically active agent comprises a peptide.

65. (New) A method as defined in claim 63, wherein said biologically active agent comprises polysaccharide.

66. (New) A method as defined in claim 63, wherein said polysaccharide comprises a mixture of muco-polysaccharides.

67. (New) The method of claim 63, wherein said biologically active agent is selected from the group consisting of human growth hormones; bovine growth hormones; growth releasing hormones; growth hormone-releasing hormones; interferons; interleukin-I; interleukin-II; insulin; heparin, calcitonin; erythropoietin; atrial natriuretic factor; antigens; monoclonal antibodies; somatostatin; adrenocorticotropin, gonadotropin releasing hormone; oxytocin; vasopressin; cromolyn sodium; vancomycin; desferrioxamine (DFO); parathyroid hormone, anti-microbial, or any combination thereof.

68. (New) A method for administering a biologically-active agent to an animal in need of said agent, said method comprising administering to said animal a composition as defined in claim 32.

69. (New) A method for administering a biologically-active agent as defined in claim 68, wherein said administration is oral.

70. (New) A method for administering a biologically-active agent as defined in claim 68, wherein said animal is a mammal.

71. (New) A method for administering a biologically-active agent as defined in claim 70, wherein said mammal is a human.

72. (New) A method for administering a biologically-active agent as defined in claim 68, wherein said composition is a solid.

73. (New) A method for administering a biologically-active agent as defined in claim 72, wherein said composition is a tablet or capsule.

74. (New) A method for administering a biologically-active agent to an animal in need of said agent, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 36.

75. (New) A method for administering a biologically-active agent to an animal in need of said agent, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 38.

76. (New) A method for administering a biologically-active agent to an animal in need of said agent, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 40.

77. (New) A method for administering a biologically-active agent to an animal in need of said agent, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 42.

78. (New) A method for administering a biologically-active agent to an animal in need of said agent, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 43.

79. (New) A method for administering a biologically-active agent to an animal in need of said agent, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 44.

80. (New) A method for administering a biologically-active agent to an animal in need of said agent, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 45.

81. (New) A method for administering a biologically-active agent to an animal in need of said agent, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 46.